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Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control

The General Assembly,

Recalling that the Charter of the United Nations reaffirms the equal rights of men and women,

Recalling also its resolution 65/69 of 8 December 2010,

Recalling further Security Council resolution 1325 (2000) and other relevant resolutions of the Security Council on the issue of women, peace and security,

Recognizing that the participation of both men and women is essential for the attainment of sustainable peace and security,

Recognizing also the valuable contribution of women to practical disarmament measures carried out at the local, national, regional and subregional levels in the prevention and reduction of armed violence and armed conflict, and in promoting disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control,

Recognizing further that the actual and potential role of women in disarmament and mobilization against the misuse of small arms requires further analysis in order to provide an improved basis from which to develop effective small arms control and disarmament initiatives,

Noting the efforts of Member States to increase the participation of women in their national and regional coordination mechanisms on disarmament-related matters, including in national commissions on small arms and light weapons,

1. *Urges* Member States, regional and subregional organizations, the United Nations and specialized agencies to promote the equitable representation of women in all decision-making processes with regard to matters related to disarmament,

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non-proliferation and arms control, in particular the prevention and resolution of armed violence and armed conflict;

2. *Welcomes* the continuing efforts of the United Nations system to accord high priority to women and peace and security issues, and in this regard takes note of the role of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women in ensuring the accelerated implementation of all resolutions on women and peace and security;

3. *Urges* Member States to support and strengthen the effective participation of women in organizations in the field of disarmament at the local, national, regional and subregional levels;

4. *Calls upon* all States to build the capacity of women as agents of change and to empower them to participate actively and effectively in the design and implementation of disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control efforts;

5. *Requests* the United Nations organizations, agencies, funds and programmes to assist States, upon request, in investigating the actual and potential role of women in disarmament and mobilization against the misuse of small arms;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its sixty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution.